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Applicants: SHIMOKAWA, et al.

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For: DATA STRUCTURE IN DATABASE, DATABASE SYSTEM FOR MANAGING DATABASE AND DATABASE MANAGING METHOD AND SYSTEM

Group: 2771

Examiner: Le, U.

AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner
for Patents
Washington, D.C. 20231   June 27, 2000

Sir:

In response to the Office Action dated March 30, 2000, setting a shortened statutory period for response to expire on June 30, 2000, reconsideration and withdrawal of the outstanding rejections set forth therein and allowance of the present application are respectfully requested in view of the following amendments and remarks.

IN THE CLAIMS

Please delete claim 15 without prejudice or disclaimer.

Please amend the claims as follows:

1. (Twice Amended) A data structure, stored on a storage medium, in a database, comprising:

a plurality of data areas, each of said plurality of data areas being